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SUBJECT: FRENCH RESPONSE TO US SUGGESTION FOR COORDINATED
APPROACH TO NAMIBIA PROBLEM

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1. ON DECEMBER 9 FRENCH EMBASSY MINISTER DE LA GORSE
CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE (IO) TO PRESENT
HIS GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO DISCUSSION ON NAMIBIA DES-
CRIBED REFTEL. DE LA GORSE SAID THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT
BELIEVES IT WOULD BE MOST OPPORTUNE FOR THE US, UK AND
FRANCE TO WORK OUT COORDINATED APPROACH TO NAMIBIA PROBLEM.
HE MENTIONED THAT FRANCE BELIEVED PARALLEL APPROACH BY
US, UK AND FRANCE TO SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN
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USEFUL. FRANCE WOULD LIKE TO PLACE CONTINUING PRESSURE ON

SOUTH AFRICA FOR CHANGE IN NAMIBIA. IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH FCO AND DEPARTMENT ON NAMIBIA "BEYOND PURELY TECHNICAL ASPECTS" OF UN CONSIDERATION THIS SUBJECT.

2. ACCORDING TO DE LA GORSE FRANCE AGREES WITH THE OBSERVATIONS BLAKE MADE IN HIS PRESENTATIONS. IT BELIEVES:

A) IT IS NECESSARY THAT SOUTH AFRICA EXPLAIN MORE PRECISELY THAT IT ACCEPTS RIGHT OF NAMIBIAN SELF-DETERMINATION IN UNITARY FRAMEWORK. SOUTH AFRICA'S PLANS TO HOLD ELECTIONS

IN OVAMBOLAND COULD INDICATE TO AFRICANS THAT SOUTH AFRICA INTENDS TO PARTITION NAMIBIA AND DE LA GORSE SAID US-UK-FR MIGHT TAKE PARALLEL LINE AGAINST THESE ELECTIONS. SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE URGED TO TAKE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF ITS ACTIONS ON AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS INTO ACCOUNT.

B) UN AND OTHERS SHOULD NOT TRY TO IMPOSE STRICT DEADLINES ON SOUTH AFRICA RE NAMIBIA, BUT SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE AWARE THAT EVENTS IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES HAVE CREATED EXPECTATIONS AMONG AFRICANS WITH REGARD TO NAMIBIA. IT IS NECESSARY FOR SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF TO SET A MORE PRECISE TIMETABLE.

C) THE QUESTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS' RELATIONSHIP WITH NAMIBIA CANNOT BE IGNORED. IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO INDICATE THE ROLE IT EXPECTS THE UN TO PLAY.

D) FRANCE DOES NOT APPROVE OF THE USE OF SANCTIONS TO RESOLVE THE NAMIBIA PROBLEM.

3. DE LA GORSE EMPHASIZED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE FOR THE US, UK, AND FRANCE TO DEVELOP A COMMON ATTITUDE AND TO PURSUE THEIR VIEWS IN PRETORIA.

4. BLAKE THANKED DE LA GORSE FOR QUICK RESPONSE AND SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE REFINING ITS OWN POSITION. HE SUGGESTED THAT HE, DE LA GORSE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE BRITISH EMBASSY MEET SOON TO DISCUSS POLICY TOWARD NAMIBIA. DE LA GORSE AGREED TO SEEK HIS GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A DISCUSSION HERE IN WASHINGTON. INGERSOLL

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